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Objective
The child will sort objects into categories.

Materials
- Category Picture Cards (Activity Master) – Copy on cardstock, cut apart, and laminate.
- Picture Cards (Activity Master) – Copy on cardstock, cut apart, and laminate.
- Rocket Ends (Activity Master) – Copy on cardstock, cut apart, and laminate.

Activity
After teacher introduction, children will name picture cards and sort them into categories by playing a sorting game.
1. Set out 2 Category Picture Cards. Mix up and place corresponding Picture Cards face down in a stack.
2. Child one selects a card and names it (e.g., “strawberry”).
3. Child sets it under the corresponding heading (e.g., Fruit).
4. Continue taking turns selecting a card, naming it, and placing it under the correct heading for form the rockets.
5. Play until all cards have been sorted. Place a rocket end at the bottom of each category to complete the rocket ships.
6. Together, read each category heading and pictures.
7. Peer evaluation.

Adaptations and Extensions
- Add more categories as the children are ready.
- Have each child choose a heading at the beginning of the game. When a card is chosen, the card goes to the child who has the heading. Play until all rockets have been completed and all pictures have been placed with a heading.
- Add a few “trick” cards that do not belong in any category (e.g., sun). The child must explain why it does not belong in any category. Have a “trash” basket for the ones that do not belong.
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Vegetables

Tools

Fruit

Instruments

Animals
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 gorilla
 elephant

piano
 harmonica
 drums

guitar
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wrench

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